

**Carto 2014**

**48th Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA)**

**At the heart of our profession: Preserving and disseminating geospatial knowledge**

Conference organized by Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, UQAM, and the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives

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Montreal, Quebec

*Call for papers*

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The conference organizers invite librarians, archivists and other geographic information specialists to submit proposals for papers and workshops touching on the foundational pillars of their profession: the preservation and dissemination of geographical knowledge.

While producers, distributors, and users organize their efforts to map current geographical phenomena, librarians and archivists also understand the importance of preserving a record of cartographic production from all eras. Geospatial data helps us understand the world around us: yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

How can maps and other cartographic sources help us learn about the changes in the earth's physical and cultural features? What strategies are needed to preserve this cartographic heritage, paper and digital, and to educate producers about the historical significance of this geospatial data? How can we balance preservation and weeding? How should these collections be organized in a way that is attractive and easily accessible to researchers? Is georeferencing a relevant avenue for improving access to documents?

What new knowledge can we gain from digitizing ancient maps and analyzing the resulting data? What are the recommended strategies and pitfalls in the management of collections, including the acquisition, processing and preservation of documents? What standards should be adopted at the dawn of Web 3.0?

The program committee is seeking proposals on innovative practices for displaying and visualizing cartographic collections, as well as proposals providing a critical reflection on the history of the profession and its long-term future. In this era of technological change, are map librarians or archivists becoming an endangered species? Conversely, is their know-how increasingly indispensable with the proliferation of available data? What role can they play in the liberation of geospatial data into the open data realm?

Topics of interest include:

- Cartographic collection development policies and practices (legal deposit, evaluation, consortial purchasing, weeding, etc.);
- Preservation of maps in both print and digital formats;
- Metadata and descriptive standards for maps;
- Exceptional cartographic collections (fonds);
- Georeferencing historical maps;
- Digitization and/or vectorization of historical maps;
- Historical geographic information systems (HGIS);
- Examples of innovative cartographic collaborations between archivists, librarians and researchers;
- Copyright and cartographic resources;
- Contemporary sources for geospatial analysis;
- Modern cartography: new sources, new analyses;
- Geospatial literacy and mediation strategies with the public.

Proposals may be submitted in French or English.

Please submit an abstract (250 words) of your proposal in French or English and a brief curriculum vitae indicating your phone number and email address to [programme@acmla-acacc.ca](mailto:programme@acmla-acacc.ca). The deadline for submissions is January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your submission or if you have any questions about the conference, please contact a member of the program committee.

The members of the program committee are:

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